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To Whom it may concern:

Our journey started In October 2012 when my dad fell down the stairs and ended up in the nursing home. At least that is when the family knew about it. My mother says now that it started a few years earlier. He was not able to balance the checkbook and was often confused on directions when driving on routes that were very familiar to him. After the fall it was apparent they could no longer live at home so we needed to find another option. Looking at the legislation that is proposed, the first one (LCCF3a) would have been very useful. When someone is affected with the disease and it becomes apparent something needs to happen you are at a loss as to where to begin. Our journey is about to end as Dad is in Hospice and the end is very near.

All of the proposed bills would be helpful to folks who are affected by Alzheimers.

There is not a one size fits all since each case and circumstance are so different.

One thing that I feel would help is for doctors to do screening and share the results. I have talked to two of Dad's doctors on the "QT" because mom says, "don't say anything, nobody can tell he has memory loss." Both said, "we have known that for some time."

In our particular case my parents had Long Term Care Insurance. I know not everyone can afford insurance; but, I believe that the benefits should be stressed early in careers. To me it is just as important as life insurance. Having LTC insurance is truly a gift to the family and gives the family of the patient many more options for care.



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